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etc., must be paid for at the rate of  
per line.THE LEXINGTON LIGHT AND  
POWER COMPANY

Inasmuch as the Town Council has appointed a committee to see if the Electric Light and Power Company has fulfilled the condition imposed by its franchise and are considering the question of annulling the franchise, it is important that the public should be informed as to what the Company has done and is doing.

It is generally understood that electric light companies in towns under 5,000 inhabitants do not pay and the only way for such towns to have electric lights is for the stock to be distributed among public-spirited citizens who will be satisfied with a modest return on the investment and the indirect benefits that come from the civic pride of the people of a town which is sufficiently progressive to have electric lights. In a recent editorial in the Engineering Record substantially the above statement was made.

The Electric Light Company admits that it is not furnishing good lights at present, but asserts that the water in the river is lower than it has been in 20 years and the condition in regard to the lighting is similar to that in regard to the town water supply, only the shortage of water in the reservoir is a much more serious matter. Anyone not satisfied with his light can light a lamp and have good light, whereas water is a necessity and when there is no water in the spicket we must do without. Should all the water in the reservoir be exhausted we would be in great danger of destruction from fire.

Under the circumstances for the Council to find fault with the Electric Light Company is for the pot to call the kettle black. About 19 years ago, at the request of the Town Council, I made a report on a municipal lighting plant to be run by steam, associating Prof. Moreland with me. After mature consideration the Town Council decided it would not pay to build and operate a plant, and they decided not to go into the municipal lighting business. At the conclusion of the report I called attention to the 1st Lock Dam and stated that power could be gotten there more economically than by burning coal.

Two of our then citizens, Messrs Waddell and Shelton, secured a franchise from the town and taking my report as a basis succeeded in getting up a company in Baltimore. Mr. Carichoff a recent graduate of Johns Hopkins, having assisted me in getting the information on which to base my report, presented the matter to two of his former professors, Rowland and Duncan, famous names in electrical development, and each took stock, attracted by the prospect of cheap electricity from water power. Hydro-electric development, now so fashionable, being then a new thing. Attracted by the example of such men other gentlemen of small means and a little money to invest took stock, among whom was Mr. Hutton's father whose two sons had just graduated in the Electrical Department of Johns Hopkins, and his partner in business, Mr. L. H. Latham, who was made president of the company, a position he has held on a small salary every since.

The business of the Company has been well and economically managed by Mr. R. E. Hutton in spite of criticisms to the contrary from those who do not know the difficulties confronting a manager of a small plant in a small town with very limited means at his disposal. All money taken in over and above running expenses has been invested in enlargement and betterment of the plant. The original dynamo for incandescent or house lighting soon proved to be too small and a larger one was put in.

The original arc-light plant, though the best on the market at that time for alternating current, became antiquated and unsatisfac-

tory owing to improvements in the art. The Company threw lamps and dynamos into the scrapheap and installed what is the best known to the art today. The franchise required 1200 nominal candle power. Mr. Hutton provided 2000 candle power nominal; giving the town that much better than he had contracted for because he thought the Lexington street lights should be as good as any, this too, when the town of Lexington pays less per arc light than any town or city in America which buys lights, so far as we have been able to learn.

The franchise provides that the Company shall provide capacity for 60 arc lights; it has capacity for 75 providing 15 years growth. Also that they shall have a capacity for 1500 incandescent 16 candle power lights. It has a capacity for 6000.

When the franchise was renewed 8 years ago the Council required the company to provide auxiliary power to the extent of at least 50 horse power and almost immediately the company purchased a 50 horse power gasoline engine, just what was proposed by Mr. Hutton when the matter was under discussion.

To put in a new and larger water wheel and a larger dynamo the Company found it necessary to borrow money and now has outstanding \$10,000.00 of first mortgage bonds which it is paying off at the rate of \$1000.00 per year.

As soon as this debt was sufficiently reduced it was the plan of the Company to negotiate another loan and erect an auxiliary steam plant so as to insure continuous service regardless of low or high water.

The lights are miserable but nothing can be done till it rains; even if the Company had the money to order a steam plant at once it could not be installed for several months.

The rates charged for lights are not over half what the franchise allows and the lights are cheaper than they could be furnished by a steam plant.

I am satisfied that when the citizens of this town realize that the Company has done so well they will no longer kick it when it is down, suffering only for water, but will lend it a helping hand and make it possible for it to secure the credit to put in an auxiliary steam plant which will secure good lights independent of drouth.

D. C. HUMPHREYS.

Rev. G. B. Hanrahan Removed from  
Colliertown

Gazette Correspondence

Oct. 3.—The Rev. G. B. Hanrahan left on last Friday to take charge of his new field at Broadway, where he has accepted a call. It was with much regret with the Presbyterian people of Colliertown to see their beloved pastor leave, but we are willing to bow in submission to the Lord's will. Mr. Hanrahan was an able and fearless minister in his mission here, and will be long remembered by his many friends. The Broadway people may feel congratulated in their success in getting an up-to-date preacher and a gentleman; it means our loss and their gain.

The Lexington Presbytery will meet this week at Oxford church and will be in session several days. A large assembly is anticipated, and the people of that section are on a stir arranging to feed and lodge the visitors.

Owing to the Methodist church being under repair the pastor of that church, Rev. L. B. Rockman, was invited to fill the pulpit at Colliertown Presbyterian church on Sunday last and at night. Rev. W. A. Lytle of Shepherdstown, W. Va., preached for us.

Mrs. George A. Nicely was taken to Richmond last week to undergo an operation for gall stone. Her physician, Dr. H. R. Coleman, accompanied her there. We learn the operation will take place today.

The school trustees of Buffalo District met on Saturday last and contracted with their one-room teachers.

Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Foster attended the Lynchburg fair last week.

Mrs. Mollie Lair of Lynchburg, and Mrs. Lizzie Gillispy of Clifton Forge, are visiting friends here.

Mr. J. Lee Potter is improving his store property at Marmion by putting down concrete platforms and an additional story to the building. Mr. H. L. Morrison carries a stock of general merchandise at that place.

Mr. W. A. Tribbett, Jr., has accepted a position in the store of Elhart & Leckey at Oak Dale.

PUBLIC SALE  
—OF—  
PERSONAL PROPERTY

I will sell at Public Auction at my home, known as the Gilmore Farm, one mile from the Kerr's Creek postoffice, on

Wednesday, Oct. 19, 1910,  
AT 10 O'CLOCK, A. M.

the following personal property:  
2 Fine Percheron Mares.  
1 5 Year Old Horse, well broke.  
1 4 Year Old Mare, gentle, for ladies to drive.  
2 Fine Percheron Mare Colts.  
3 Cows, all fresh.  
3 Heifer Yearlings; Yearling Steer; 3 Calves; 2 good Brood Sows; 21 Pigs.

Studebaker Wagon, Buggy, Riding Cultivator, Mowing Machine, Hay Rake, Oliver Chilled Plow, 3 Digger Plows, Single Plow, 1 F. F. Corn Planter, Wheel Barrow, Log Chain, Spring Tooth Harrow, Drag Harrow, Grain Cradle, 2 Briar Scythes, Grind Stone, Wagon Harness, Buggy Harness, 5 Horse Collars, 4 Pairs Hames and Trace Chains, and numerous other farming implements.

Also, all my Household Goods  
All my Furniture and Farming implements comparatively new

TERMS: All sums of \$10 and under, cash; over \$10, a credit of three months, with interest at 6 per cent, notes satisfactorily endorsed.

LENOIR Y. SMITH.

The Ladies of New Monmouth Church will serve dinner on the grounds.  
Oct. 5 10-2t

Special Commissioner's Sale  
—OF—  
REAL ESTATE

By virtue of authority vested in the undersigned Special Commissioner, by decree of the Circuit Court of Rockbridge County, rendered on the 9th day of September, 1910, in the Chancery Cause of John A. McLung vs. Isabella Ireland's Heirs, he will offer for sale on the premises in the Town of Fairfield, Va., at

1:30 O'CLOCK, P. M. MONDAY, OCTOBER 31ST, 1910.

the following real estate:

All that certain tract or parcel of land lying and being in the village of Fairfield, Rockbridge Co. Va., now in the possession of Dr. John A. McLung, being on the Main Street of said village, and known as the "Isabella Ireland Lot." This lot of land is desirable in every particular, being in a village which has post office facilities, churches and schools.

TERMS OF SALE: One third of the purchase money to be paid in cash on the day of sale, and the balance to be evidenced by two bonds of the purchaser of equal amounts, payable with interest from date in one and two years, respectively; and title to the said lot of land is to be retained as security for the payment of deferred payments with interest, but any purchaser may anticipate the deferred instalments by paying any one in full, or pay all cash if desired.

HUGH A. WHITE,  
Special Commissioner.  
I, R. R. Witt, Deputy Clerk of Rockbridge County, do hereby certify that Hugh A. White, the commissioner above mentioned has given bond as required by the decree of sale.

R. R. WITT, Deputy Clerk.  
Sept. 28 10 5t.

When you direct your steps here to place that Painting or Decorating Contract.

We have the skilled experience, we give personal supervision to all contracts, and we use very best of materials, so you are naturally certain of that kind of work that will please thoroughly.

Figures on your work gladly submitted.

## W. S. ZOMBRO

11 Houston Street

Phone 206 Lexington, Va.

## Lexington Produce Market.

Lexington, Va., October 5, 1910.

Flour—Extra.....	\$5.75@57.00
New Wheat.....	95
Meal.....	75
Corn.....	58
Butter.....	25
Eggs.....	25
Chickens, per lb.....	12 1/2
Hens.....	10
Bacon—Hams, as to size.....	12@15
—Shoulders.....	14@16
—Sides.....	14
Lard—Choice country.....	14

NOTICE  
—TO—  
Tax-Payers

In accordance with the law prescribing the manner in which Taxes and County Levies shall be collected, the Treasurer, or one of his deputies, will, for this purpose, be at—

A. W. Morrison's Store, Coiliertown, Tuesday, Oct. 25.

J. W. Morrison & Co's Store, Oak Dale, Wednesday, Oct. 26.

H. L. Morrison & Co's Store, Marmion, Thursday, Oct. 27.

P. I. Huffman's Store, Albion, Friday, Oct. 28.

Anderson Bros' Store, Rockbridge Baths, Tuesday, Oct. 25.

Engelmann & Co's Store, Kerr's Creek, Wednesday, Oct. 26.

F. H. Hart's Store, Denmark, Thursday, Oct. 27.

J. T. Montgomery's Store, Rappahannock, Tuesday, Oct. 25.

Bosworth & Patterson's Store, Brownsville, Wednesday, Oct. 26.

Lucas & Sons' Store, at Zack, on Walker's Creek, Thursday, Oct. 27.

McClintic & Funder's Store, Goshees, Saturday, Oct. 29.

C. B. & S. D. Mangus' Store, Vestalville, Wednesday, Oct. 26.

E. R. Filippo's Store, Fairfield, Thursday, Oct. 27.

Josiah Wilmer's Store, Cornwall, Friday, Oct. 28.

J. P. Leckey's Store, Oak Bank, Tuesday, Oct. 25.

John W. Burger & Co's Store, Natural Bridge, Wednesday, Oct. 26.

Baldwin, Echols & Co's Store, Glasgow, Thursday, Oct. 27.

Treasurer's Office till evening of Nov. 30, 1910.

From November 15th to 30th, inclusive, the Treasurer's Office will not be closed for dinner, as is the usual custom, but will be kept open continuously from 9 a. m. until 3 p. m., when it will be closed for the day in order to give time to close up the day's business.

"Any person failing to pay any State or County levies to the Treasurer before close of NOVEMBER 30th, 1910, shall incur a penalty thereon of 5 per centum, which shall be added to the amount of taxes and levies due from such taxpayer, which, when collected by the Treasurer or his Deputies, shall be accounted for in his settlement." [A part of the 18th Sec. of the Act referred to.]

Persons owning land not in their own name will call for such tickets when settling their own, otherwise they will have the 5 per cent to pay, as it is impossible for the Treasurer to keep posted on all land sales in the county.

Taxpayers are respectfully but earnestly requested not to postpone inquiry for amount of tax till last days of November and then write for statement. The throng of taxpayers in Treasurer's Office requires the Treasurer's time during the closing days of November.

S. R. MOORE, Treasurer  
of Rockbridge County.  
Oct. 5 10 tf.

Valuable James River Farm  
For Sale

200 acres, lying on the James River, beautifully situated, 176 acres of first class James River bottom land in fine state of cultivation; no waste land or stones. The place is well watered by a bold spring, piped all over the land and to all the buildings, with the river on one side. Comfortable frame dwelling house, large new barn, plenty of fruit, three-quarters of a mile from railroad station, convenient to schools, mills, stores, telegraph and telephone lines. This is natural blue grass land and would grow all crops abundantly. It is in a high state of cultivation and a ready money maker for any practical farmer. Price \$17,500, on easy terms. Or the property can be divided and all the bottom lands sold for about \$16,000. We consider this one of the best farming propositions on the market and that it is well worth the investigation of any buyer desiring to obtain a really first-class farm.

List your property with us for sale. We have the buyers.

Farms for Sale  
WINGFIELD & HARRELL  
Real Estate and Insurance Agents.  
Y. M. C. A. Basement,  
Roanoke, Va.

PUBLIC SALE  
—OF—  
PERSONAL PROPERTY

I will offer for sale at public auction at my residence on Randolph street, Lexington, on

Tuesday, October 18, 1910,  
10 O'clock, A. M.

the following personal property:  
2 Milch Cows, 3 Heifers,

1 Yearling Colt,

1 Set Double Harness,

3 Sets Single Harness,

1 2 Horse Wagon, 2 1-Horse Wagons,

1 Surry, 1 Buggy.

Household and Kitchen Furniture, including a First Class Cooking Range; and other things too numerous to mention

Will also offer for sale if not sold privately before that time,  
15 Acres of Land at Fair Ground.

TERMS made known day of sale

R. S. BRUCE.

Sept 28 10 3t

## California Privet Hedge

Well branched, \$4.00 per 100, cheaper than fence. FALLON, Florist,  
Roanoke, Va.

## WANTED A FRESH COW.

Will pay a good price for a first class cow. Jersey not preferred. J. W. McCLUNG.

## NEW FALL GOODS

Are Coming In Now; Some Arrive Every Day.  
Among Those Already Received, We Mention:  
DRESS GOODS:

Panamas Serges, Mohairs Batistes etc. Some extra good values in these; bought at lower prices than we could secure now.

LADIES' COATSUITS, and MISSES' and CHILDREN'S COATS have also begun to arrive and are very attractive both in styles and prices.

A new lot of those handsome, tailored KING WAISTS just received. Some of fine Lawn, some of Irish Linen. Prices \$2.50, \$3.00 and \$3.50. There are no other waists in the same class as the "KING."

New Gingham, New  
Flannelettes  
NEW SIKS

Floor Oil Cloths and Linoleums in beautiful patterns at very attractive prices.

## Irwin &amp; Co.

## LOOK!

And see how much STOVE PIPE you will need this fall.

We have all sizes of  
Pipe, Elbows and Collars  
COAL SKUTTLES

FIRE SHOVELS AND TONGS WILL SOON BE IN SEASON. SEE US BEFORE YOU BUY.

## J. Gassman &amp; Son Hdw. Co.

OPPOSITE COURTHOUSE

Character  
Capacity  
Capital

Are a business man's assets, but the greatest of these is CHARACTER. If you do not think so ask your friend who does business with

## The Peoples National Bank

which, by the way, invites your attention to the splendid statement of June 30, published in this paper, and will always take care of your interests.

We especially invite you to make use of our Savings Department.

## The Peoples National Bank

## Bank of Rockbridge

AT CLOSE OF BUSINESS SEPTEMBER 27, 1910.

RESOURCES

Loans and Bonds.....	\$267,638.19
Real Estate and Furniture.....	\$7,106.30
Due from Banks and Cash.....	\$96,393.98
	\$371,138.47

LIABILITIES

Capital.....	\$65,000.00
Surplus and Profits.....	\$41,544.43
Deposits.....	\$264,594.04
	\$371,138.47